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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir,

After hearing of the the proposed Microsoft anti-trust settlement, I've been moved to express my thoughts on the matter...

I very idea that Microsoft would "pay" for its anti-competitive errors by "giving" it's own software to schools, to me is an insiduous and dangerous .

This action would give Microsoft and helping hand to pillage the one market that they do not yet dominate. What will happen when it's to UPGRADE this software that Microsoft gives our schools? Obviously Microsoft knows that these systems will need to updated at some point and they are betting that a flood of money will return to them, locking out any and all competition.

I've also read from Microsoft press realizes that it defends it's actions as "The freedom to innovate". From every exp that I have ever had with their products, I an attest that they have done very much less than innovate. For every product that Microsoft makes I can name a non-Microsoft vendor who makes a product of the same category which is superior in function to it's Microsoft brand counterpart. Yet the Microsoft product still dominates.... How can that be?

Granted, company's are in business to make money and that is the American way. So is fairness and honesty & competition.

Concerned,

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